

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Special City Council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on January 16, 2024. Mayor Hall presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present in person: YEA Commissioner Jim Closson, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, YEA Commissioner David Phipps and YEA Mayor Rick Hall. Commissioner Dave Cox was absent.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, City Attorney Daniel C. Jones, Code Enforcement Alex Benishek and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*This portion of the City Council meeting is reserved for persons who desire to address the Council. The Illinois Open Meetings Act mandates that the City Council may NOT take action on comments received on matters that have not been identified on this agenda, but the Council may direct staff to address the topic or refer the matter for action on the agenda for another meeting. Persons addressing the Council are requested to limit their presentations to three minutes and to avoid repetitious comments. We would also ask you to state your name and address for the record as well as stand when speaking.*

Mayor Hall opened the floor for Public comments with no response.

Commissioner Cox arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Public Infrastructure involving the construction of a 3,130 foot 60" storm sewer extending from the Little Wabash River to Illinois Route 16 (Marshall Avenue) in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 208 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street; Mattoon, Illinois at 6:01 p.m. on 01/16/2024. Community Planning Manager Alex Benishek explained the amount of funds available of \$19.5 million with a grant ceiling of \$1,500,000 per project, up to \$35,000 Delivery allowable costs, and the objective of the program to fund public infrastructure projects with priority to water and sanitary sewer systems or storm sewer upgrades or combined sewer separations. Manager Benishek further discussed the City's expenditure of approximately \$375,000 in additional funding in non-CDBG funds to complete the establishment of a 60" storm sewer of 3,310 feet and cast-in-place concrete headwall, stone rip rap, cleanup, final grading and seeding, fencing and restorations of the area. Program funding of \$475,727.50 would be utilized to benefit low-to-moderate income residents with no persons actually displaced. A detailed, prioritized list of community development and housing needs in collaboration with Mattoon in Motion conducted a strategic visioning process through the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs MAPPING program to identify those priorities within the community resulting in a top five strategies/needs as Housing, Local Economy and Workforce, Retail and Dining, Youth Needs, Sports and Recreation, and Entertainment and Tourism. Manager Benishek also reviewed the project overview, proposed improvements, costs, benefit area, impact on community finances, project readiness, community impact, project history and conclusion regarding the significant investment in the infrastructure of Mattoon while addressing longstanding issues of inadequate stormwater management. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions/comments. Commissioner Closson inquired about the City's match with ARPA funds with Administrator Gill stating affirmatively. Mayor Hall opened the floor for attendee questions with no response from the Public. With no further questions or comments Mayor Hall closed the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Public Infrastructure at 6:12 p.m.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Closson moved to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor Hall declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Closson, YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Phipps, YEA Mayor Hall.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien  
City Clerk